

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please delete sheets 3 and 7 of the originally filed drawings and substitute therefor the attached Replacement Sheets 3 and 7.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets 3 and 7.

REMARKS

The above-noted cancellation of claims 1-33 and addition of new claims 34-66, as well as the submission of a revised Abstract and revisions to the Specification, are respectfully submitted prior to initiation of the prosecution of this application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. As can be seen from the annotated sheets submitted herewith, the corrected drawings correct inadvertent informalities in a missing numeric reference to box 1701 in FIG. 7 and the spelling of the term "MPEG" in box 323 of FIG. 3B.

The above-noted new claims are respectfully submitted in order to more clearly and appropriately claim the subject matter which applicants consider to constitute their inventive contribution. No new matter is included in these amendments. In addition, the revisions to the Abstract, the Specification and the drawings are submitted herewith in order to clarify and correct the Abstract and Specification and to conform them to all of the requirements of U.S. practice. No new matter is included in these amendments.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which he may have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicants' Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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ABSTRACT

An information processing device, information processing method and a recording medium are provided. Storage included in the information processing device is operable to store a node key and a leaf key, the leaf key being unique to the information processing device and the node key being unique to each node of a hierarchical network of nodes having a hierarchical tree structure. A decryption processor performs decryption processing to detect whether an encrypted decryption key for decrypting encrypted data is stored in at least one of on the information processing device or on a recording medium. When the encrypted decryption key is detected, the decryption processor is operable to calculate the decryption key by decrypting the encrypted decryption key. However, when the encrypted decryption key is not detected, the decryption processor is operable to calculate the decryption key by decrypting a key block using one of the one or more node keys stored in the storage and the leaf key stored in the storage. The calculated decryption key may then be encrypted and stored by the decryption processor on at least one of the recording medium or the memory.



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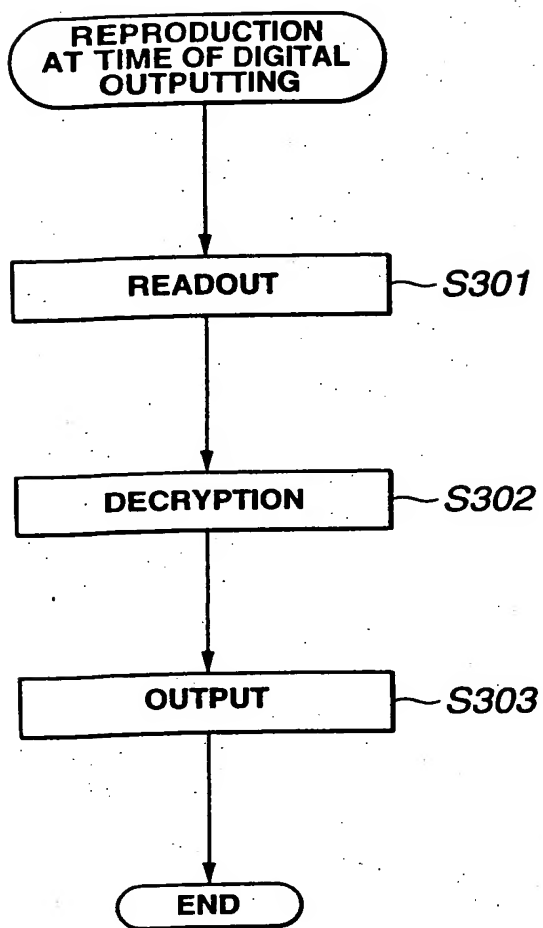


FIG.3A

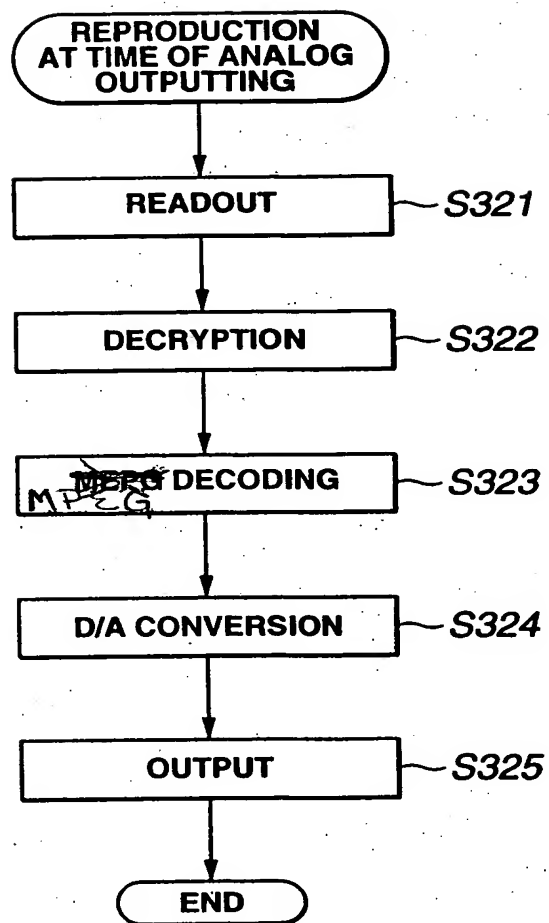


FIG.3B



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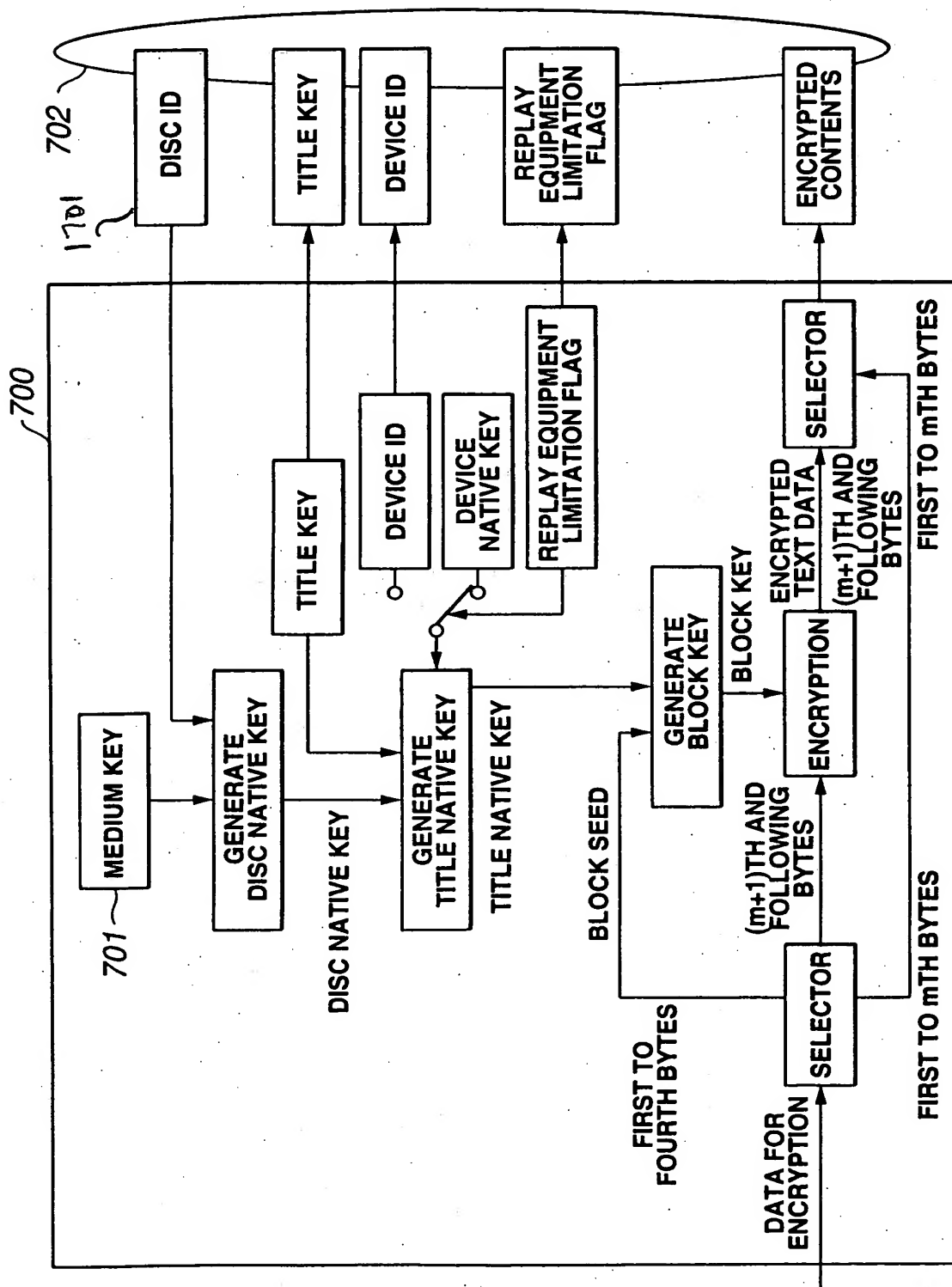


FIG. 7